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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INSPECTOR GENERAL:

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Mrs. Richard Harkness telephoned to say that she and her husband, who recently as a team did a story for the SATURDAY EVENING POST on the CIA, are now working on a story regarding "Government Security." She said they are not identifying particular cases by naming the individuals concerned, but are securing the stories of individuals who have been involved in government security investigations, and also are asking government agencies concerned for information on these specific cases.

Mrs. Harkness said that former Senator Harry Cain had referred to them

25X1A9as later who says she left the CIA last July following an interrogation period covering some several weeks. Mrs. Harkness asks that we furnish her with what we can regarding the case. I told her I would look into 25X1A9a the matter and call her back.

It is my balief that there are two guiding elements here: (1) CIA does not disclose names or information on any one involved in a so-called security case; (2) as a matter of policy CIA does not inform the press the reason for any employee's departure from the CIA payroll.

Unless there is disagreement, I contemplate informing Mrs. Harkness that we are very sorry but we do not make public the reason why to be a CIA employee.

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